

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

April 16,2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board President Nix. Present for the meeting, Brooks Langeloh, Chad Nix, Don Amber, Walt Crowder, Todd Nichols, and Matt Shipman. Absent was Mark Pepple.

Mr. Nix began with an opening statement that the county has ended their contract with BCS Management. This was the reason the March meeting was canceled, and an executive meeting was held to discuss the path forward. The projects will continue at a slower pace.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the February 2019 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Cokl, second by Mr. Nichols. The motion was passed.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the subject matter of the April 8,2019 executive meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Amber, second by Mr. Crowder. The motion was passed.

Mr. Nix called for public comments.

Janelle Guffey 6456 S Derby Drive. Ms Guffey had heard talk that there was a possibility of sewer coming to Stable Acres. Mr. Nix indicated that Stable Acres was removed from the project list in February. The residents may petition to have Stable Acres placed back on the project list. Ms Guffey is in favor of the sewer project at Stable Acres. Mr. Shipman stated that if there are other residents who are in favor of the project, the board needs to hear from them.

Scott Yingst 66 E. Arabian Drive. Mr. Yingst stated he is retired and a veteran. He and his wife have been talking to neighbors about the project. He has 15 signatures of residents in favor of the sewer district coming to Stable Acres. Many are angry about all the different figures of the project. He believes the sewer project is the lesser of two evils and is in favor. Mr. Yingst believes they need solid numbers to budget.

Denita Patrick 6444 S Hackney Dr. Ms Patrick asked the board if they were aware of bill 722, and all the problems that were associated with Manchester and Tri Lakes sewer district. She questioned the board who has authority in such matters, IDEM or the EPA. Ms Patrick stated that 65 people in the addition are against the sewer district project in Stable Acres. She stated the residents have a plan of action and will take care of the sewage problems on their own. Ms Patrick also stated she has pictures and video of the area and indicated that samples were taken after manure was spread on the fields.

Doug Dyson 3630 E SR 14. Mr. Dyson stated there was a meeting of some residents about the drainage problem in Stable Acres, and they are looking to run a ditch through part of Mr. Dysons property. He stated the tiles are full and not working properly. Others are considering doing the same, which should

eliminate the drainage issue. Mr. Dyson also mentioned the culverts were being cleaned on the 27th of this month. These improvements, he believes, should resolve most the problems.

Mr. Nix inquired about the administrative services request for proposal. Mr. Shipman shared the proposal that he had written, along with the scope of services to be provided. Some engineering firms will provide some or all the services. This document allows us to gather information to decide. Discussed a list of firms and sewer districts to send the RFP. Two firms have already submitted proposals previously. Mr. Crowder stated we should try and work with firms we have already selected instead of starting the entire process over again. Mr. Shipman shared that some of the problems previously has been an inconsistent message. Going forward we need to have a consistent message. Mr. Amber made a motion to have Mr. Shipman send out letters requesting for statement of qualifications, second by Mr. Nichols. Motion passed. There is a tentative submission by May 20th.

Old business. Status updates on partner agreements. Mr. Shipman is still working with Aqua on an agreement. Verbal consensus is to table the Aqua agreement until next month.

There were no updates on the Columbia City agreement.

Churubusco agreement. Town officials are interested in a waiver of remonstrance to their agreement. Mr. Nix, Mr. Amber, and Mr. Shipman will attend a Churubusco council meeting to answer any questions, and make sure the town is comfortable with the agreement

There were no updates to the engineering design phase.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM

Randall Cokl, Secretary